(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reduce the problem of under-utilisation of water in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per current estimate the water utilization for irrigation purposes is about 83% of the total utilization. The irrigation potential created upto the end of the Ninth Plan is 93.95 million hectare, out of which only 80.60 million hectare *i.e.* 85.8% is utilized.

(b) Utilization of created irrigation potential is low mainly due to poor irrigation efficiency.

(c) With a view to improve the irrigation efficiency, the Government of India encourages various reform measures. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Command Area Development Programme" in operation since 1974 for bridging the gap between the potential created and utilised has been restructured and an outlay of Rs. 1208.00 crore has been approved for Tenth Plan for providing Central assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme as grant-in-aid.

Sharing of Cauvery Water

778. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to resolve the issue of sharing of Cauvery water between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Central Government constituted Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) on June 2, 1990 and referred the dispute regarding sharing of Cauvery Water to the

Tribunal for adjudication. The Tribunal has taken up arguments of the State of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Pondicherry on the issues framed by it. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal gave its interim order on June 25, 1991 which was notified in the Official Gazette and thus became binding on all the party States to the Dispute. The implementation of the interim order of CWDT is being monitored by the Cauvery River Authority (CRA) chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Irrigation schemes in Bihar and Jharkhand

†779. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government under AIBP scheme for small irrigation schemes for the States of Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the aforesaid schemes, year-wise and item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Minor irrigation schemes (small irrigation schemes) in Bihar and Jharkhand are not eligible for Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP).

(b) Does not arise.

Ground water survey

† 780. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to a survey conducted recently by the Central Ground Water Board, there is evidence of the presence of dangerous substances in the ground water being used for drinking purpose in various parts of Delhi which pose danger of causing heart diseases and high blood pressure;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.